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family matters

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YAAAAAYYY!

FEEL THAT
COOL BREEZE!
SMELL THE
FLOWERS! LIS-
TEN TO THE
RUNNING
BROOK!

YOU PRETTY MUCH
SUMMED IT UP, AMY! SURE
IS GOOD TO BE HOME!

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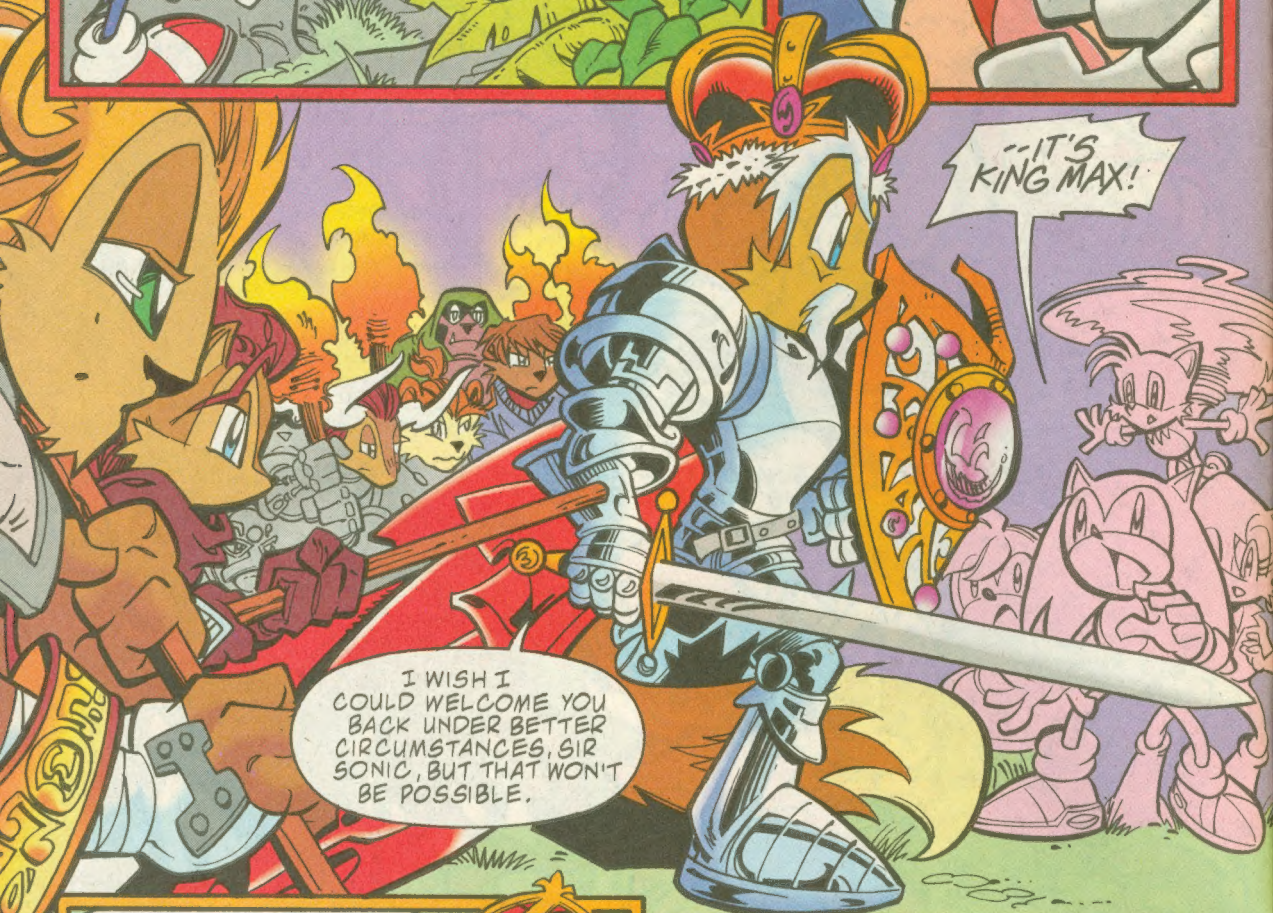
...AND I CAN'T WAIT
TO SEE WHAT'S BEEN
SHAKIN' SINCE WE LEFT!



LIKE, *WHOA!*
WHAT'RE ALL THOSE
LIGHTS UP AHEAD?

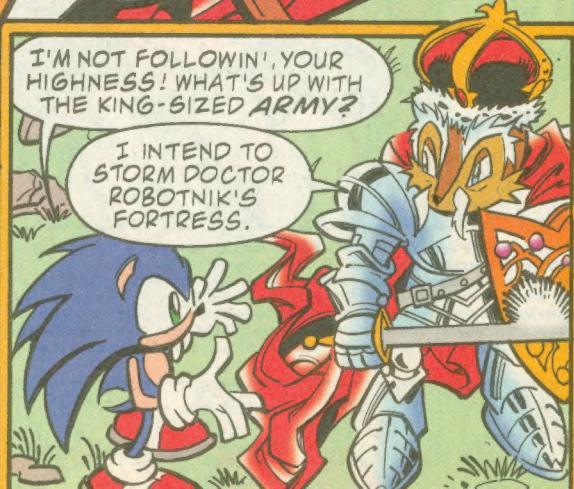


I CAN'T
BELIEVE IT--



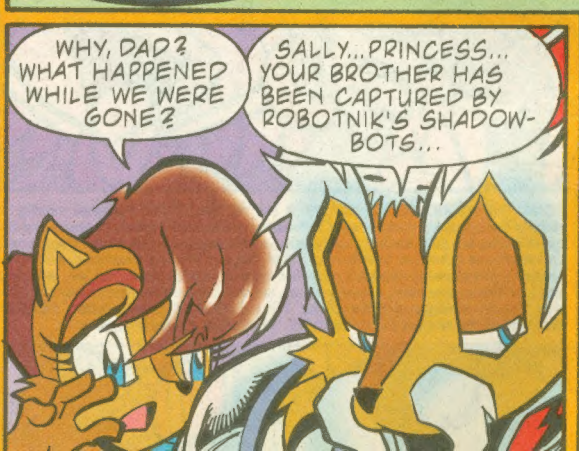
--IT'S
KING MAX!

I WISH I
COULD WELCOME YOU
BACK UNDER BETTER
CIRCUMSTANCES, SIR
SONIC, BUT THAT WON'T
BE POSSIBLE.



I'M NOT FOLLOWIN', YOUR
HIGHNESS! WHAT'S UP WITH
THE KING-SIZED ARMY?

I INTEND TO
STORM DOCTOR
ROBOTNIK'S
FORTRESS.



WHY, DAD?
WHAT HAPPENED
WHILE WE WERE
GONE?

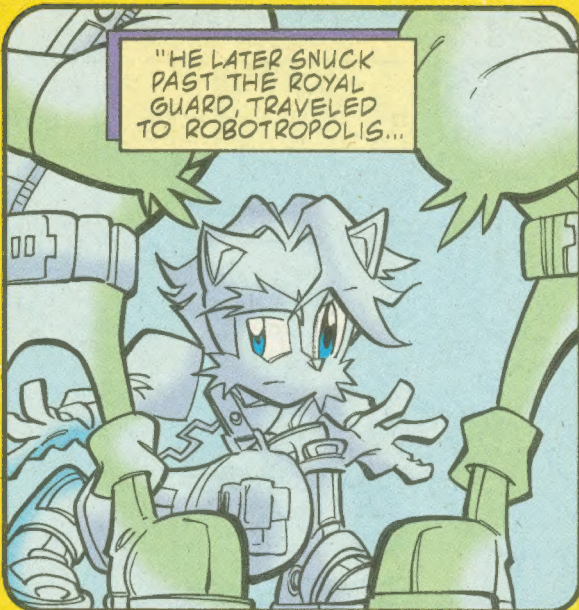
SALLY... PRINCESS...
YOUR BROTHER HAS
BEEN CAPTURED BY
ROBOTNIK'S SHADOW-
BOTS...

"I DIDN'T WISH TO TELL YOU BEFORE YOU DEPARTED, BUT YOUR MOTHER'S ILLNESS HAD WORSENERD."

"ELIAS OVERHEARD DOCTOR QUACK INFORM ME OF THE BAD NEWS."



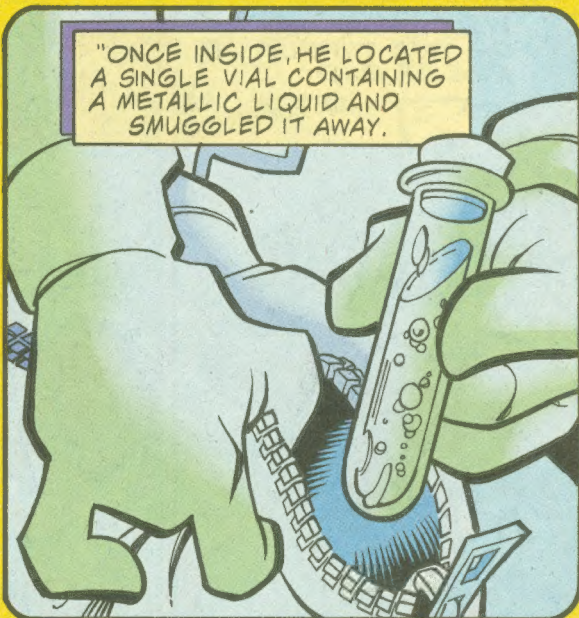
"HE LATER SNUCK PAST THE ROYAL GUARD, TRAVELED TO ROBOTROPOLIS..."



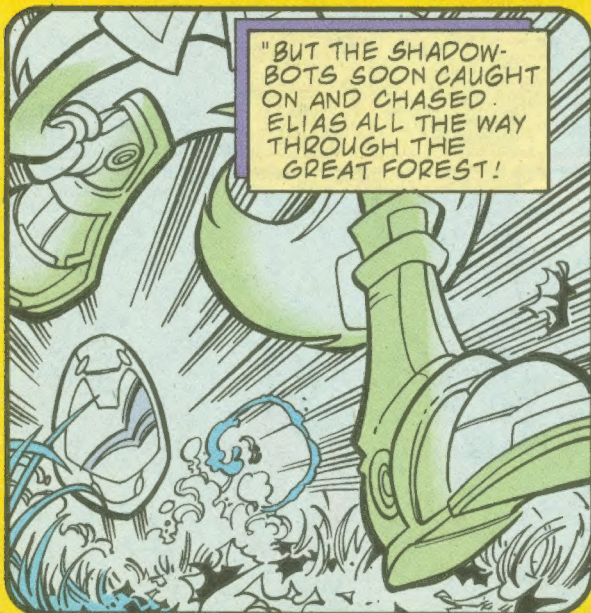
"...AND SOMEHOW MANAGED TO INFILTRATE ROBOTNIK'S HEADQUARTERS."



"ONCE INSIDE, HE LOCATED A SINGLE VIAL CONTAINING A METALLIC LIQUID AND SMUGGLED IT AWAY."

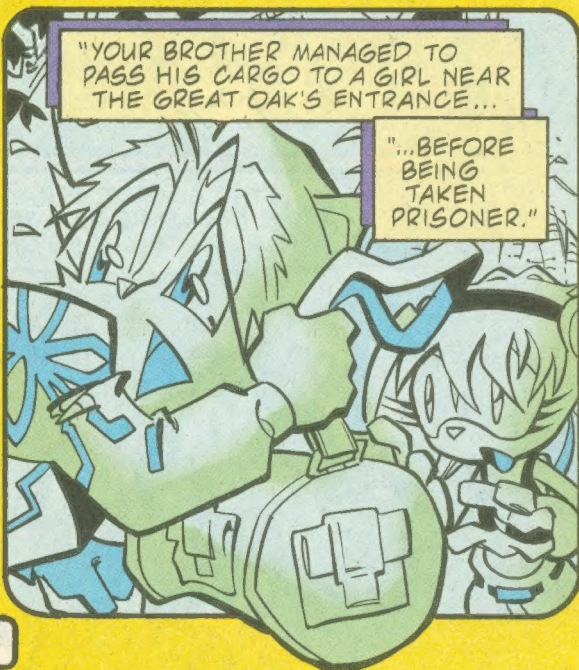


"BUT THE SHADOW-BOTS SOON CAUGHT ON AND CHASED ELIAS ALL THE WAY THROUGH THE GREAT FOREST!"



"YOUR BROTHER MANAGED TO PASS HIS CARGO TO A GIRL NEAR THE GREAT OAK'S ENTRANCE..."

"...BEFORE BEING TAKEN PRISONER."



"ELIAS HAD TOLD THE GIRL
TO BRING THE MYSTERIOUS
LIQUID TO QUEEN ALICIA..."

"...AND SHE
QUICKLY
OBEYED."

"QUACK AND
HIS MEDICAL
TEAM INJECTED
IT INTO YOUR
MOTHER'S
SYSTEM..."

"...AND NOW SHE'S
UNDERGOING INTEN-
SIVE SURGERY."

WELL, THANKS
FOR THE TIMELY
RECAP, DAD!

WELL...
ER...
UHH...

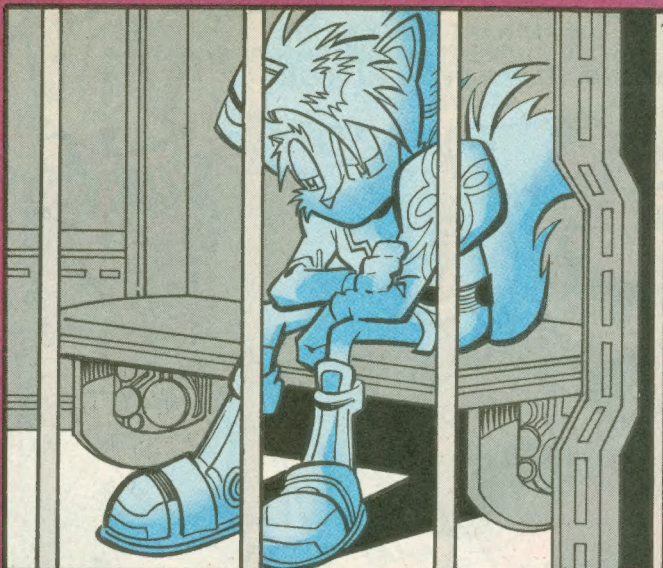
SAL!
WAITASEC...

YOU'D BEST
LEAVE HER BE
FOR NOW,
SONIC...

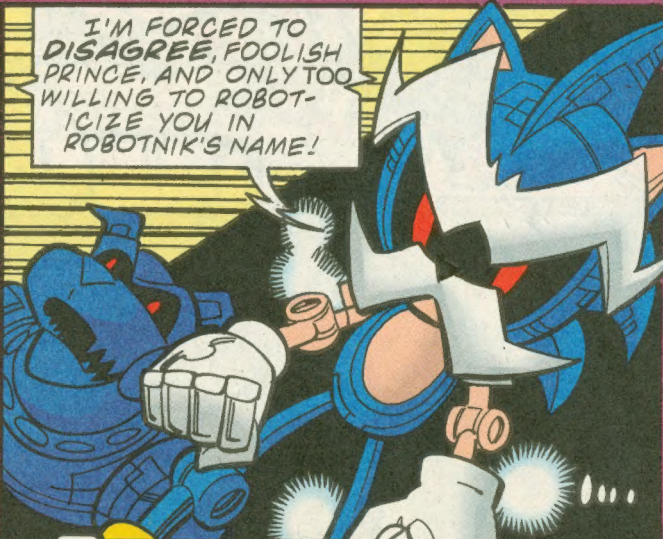
...THE SECRET SERVICE
AND I COULD REALLY USE YOUR
HELP ON THIS MISSION!

UHH...
SURE THING,
ST. JOHN...

ROBOTROPOLIS...



YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS, SIR. YOU CAN STILL LET ME GO.



I'M FORCED TO DISAGREE, FOOLISH PRINCE, AND ONLY TOO WILLING TO ROBOTICIZE YOU IN ROBOTNIK'S NAME!

KNOTHOLE KINGDOM...

LIEUTENANT D'COOLETTE,
YOUR CURRENT **INJURY** FORCES
ME TO REMOVE YOU FROM
ACTIVE DUTY.

WHA?! BUT YOUR
HEINY--SURELY MY AB-
SENCE WILL JEOPARDIZE
ZEE MISSION'S SUCCESS,
NON?!

DON'T WORRY,
ANTOINE--I'LL SIT THIS
ONE **OUT** WITH YA!

IT'S GOOD
TO HAVE YOU
BACK, SON!

IT'S GOOD
TO **BE** BACK!
DAD--HOPE
YOU AND MOM
DIDN'T MISS
ME TOO MUCH!

THE PAST
WEEK FELT
LIKE SIX
MONTHS!

WORD
TO SONIC'S
MOTHER...

ARE YOU
AND TAILS
READY,
SONIC?

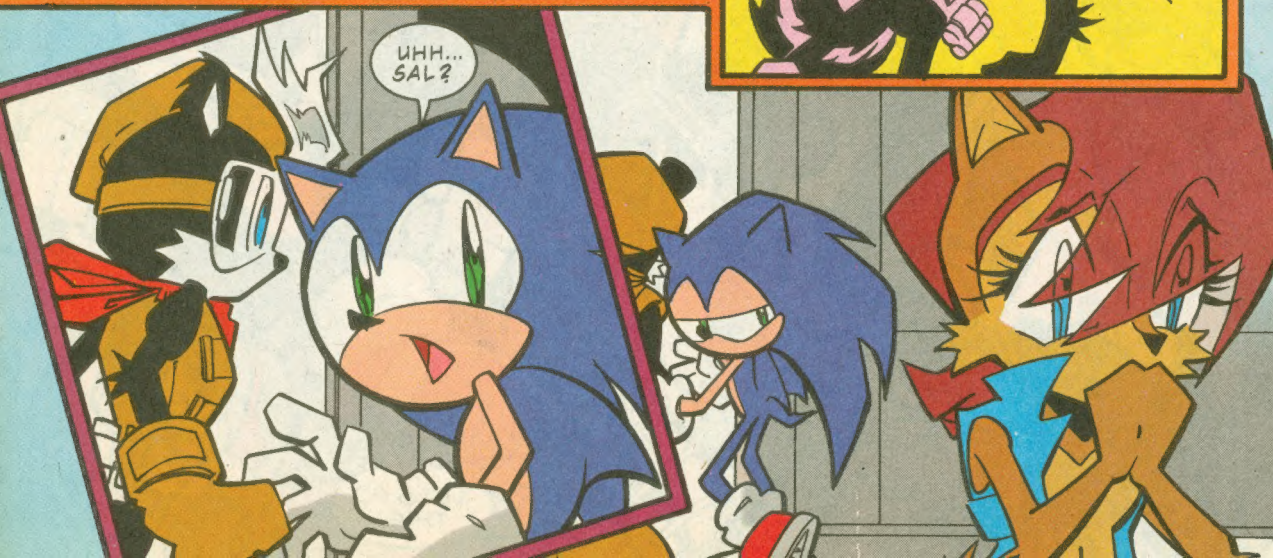
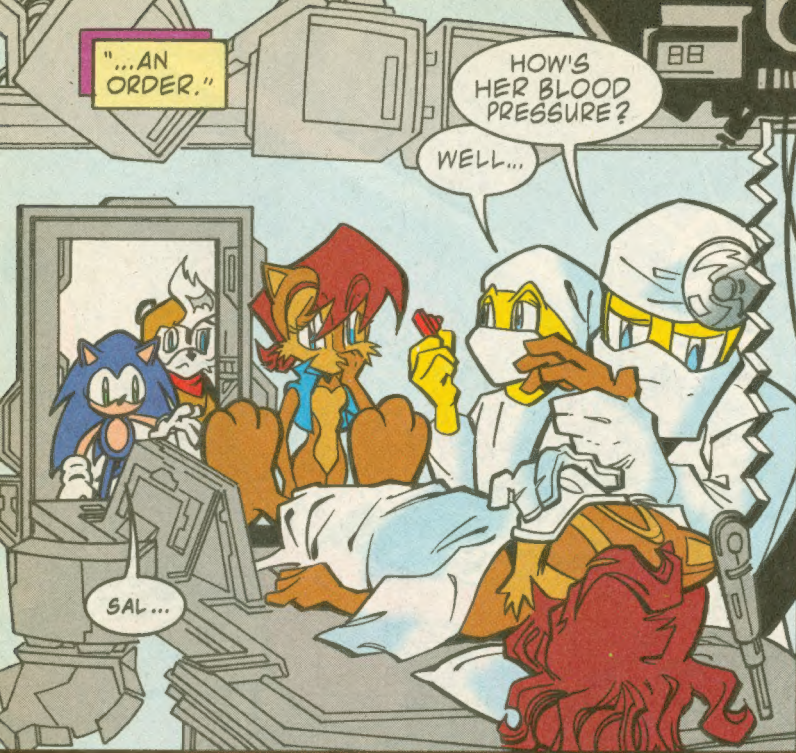
EVER
READY,
LET'S
BOOGIE.

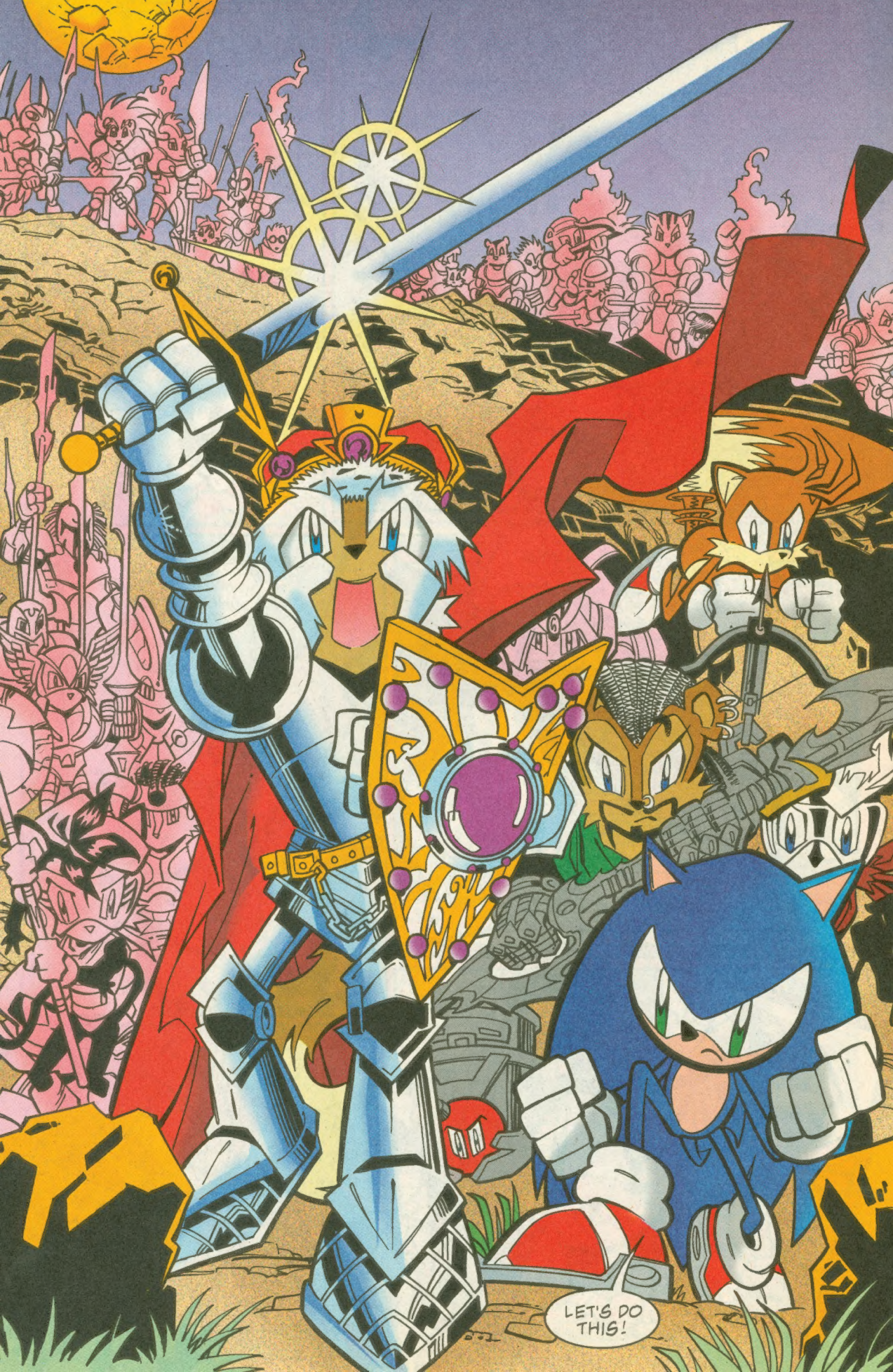
SONIC! GEOFFREY!
PRINCESS SALLY'S IN
THE MED-LAB AND SHE
WANTS TO SEE YOU
BOTH!

NO
PROBL--

ACTUALLY,
AMY ROSE,
WE'RE SET TO
RENDEZVOUS
WITH THE KING
IN MERE
MINUTES.

IT'S NOT
EXACTLY A
REQUEST. IT'S
MORE ALONG
THE LINES
OF...





LET'S DO THIS!

family matters

chapter two

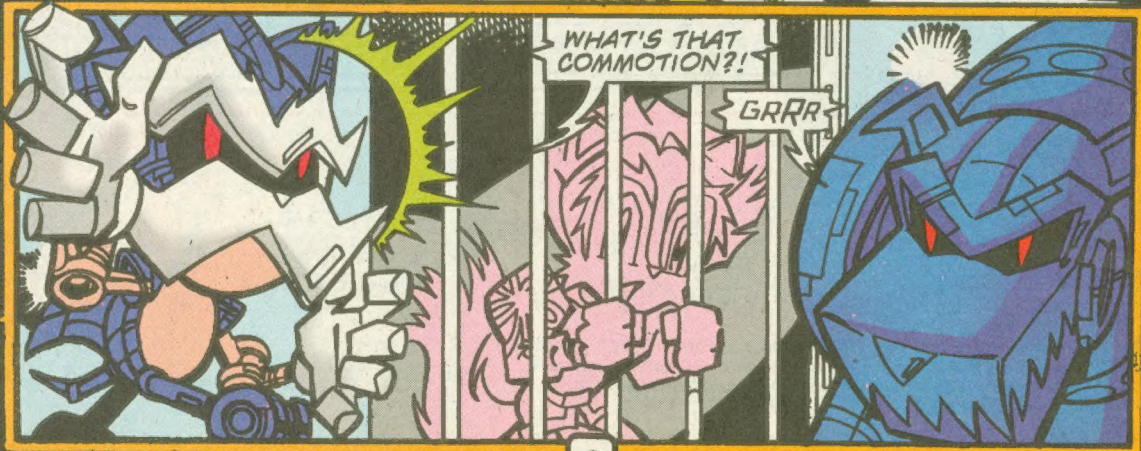
ROBOTNIK'S
HQ'S DEAD AHEAD,
SONIC!

YOU AND
BOMB KNOW
WHAT TO DO
NEXT,
TAILS!

THOOM

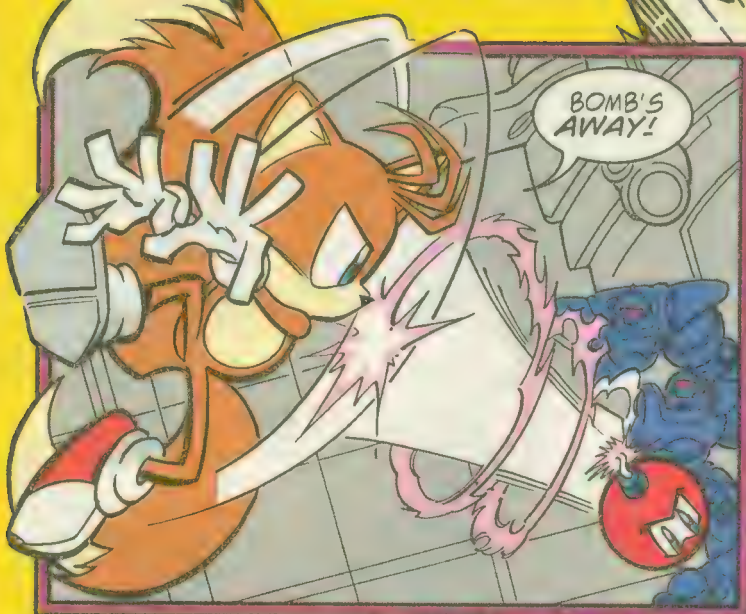
THOOM

THOOM

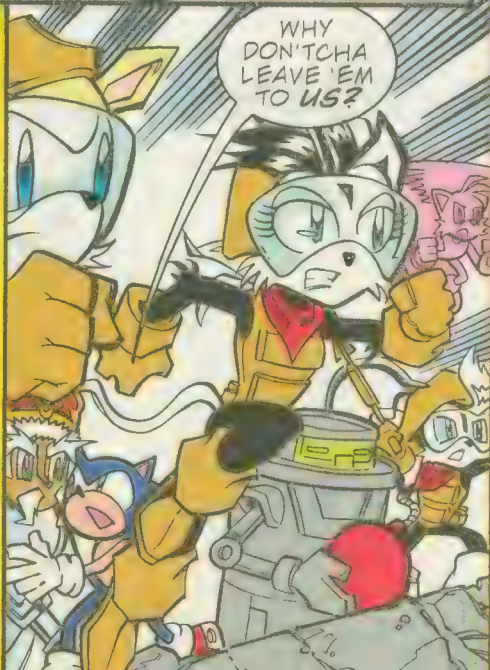
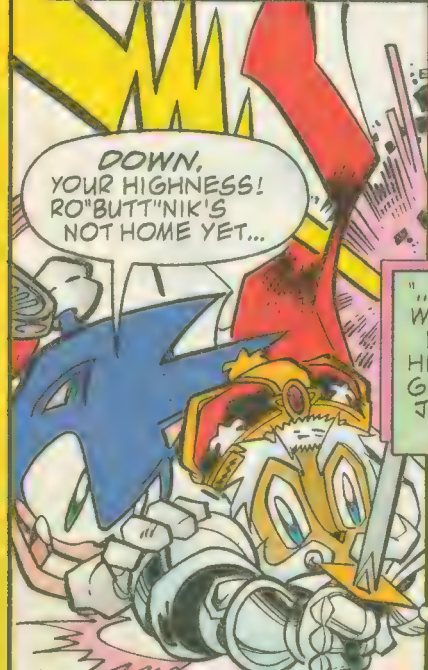
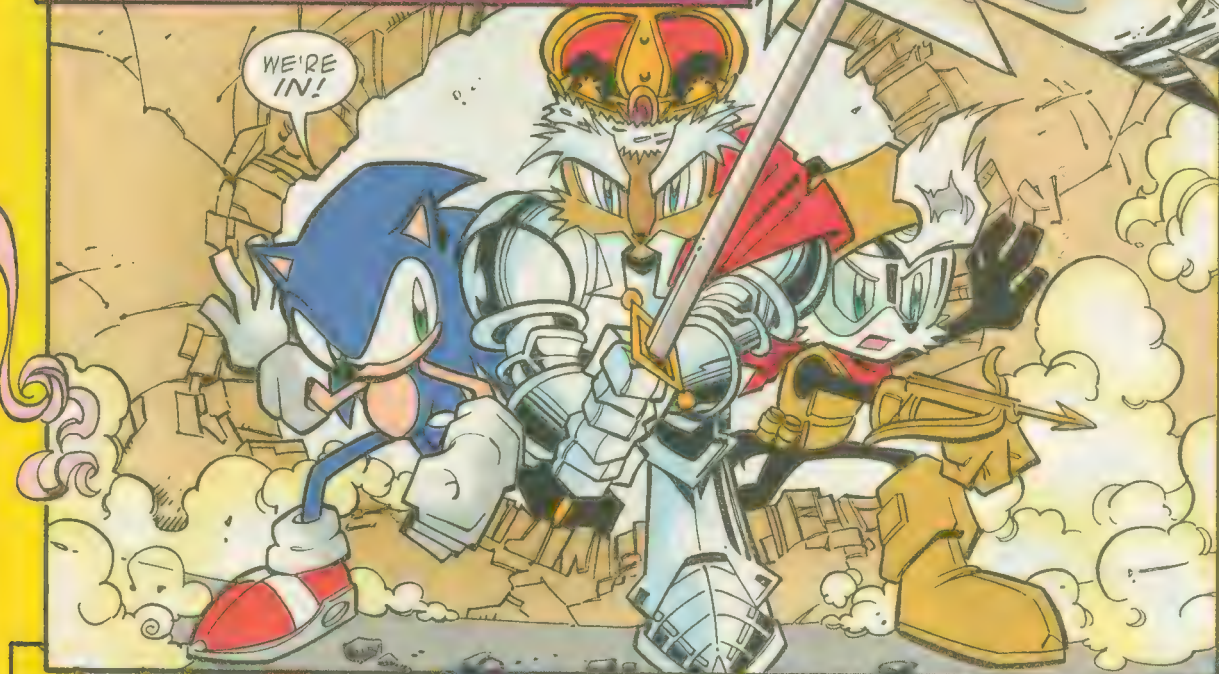


WHAT'S THAT
COMMOTION?!

GRRR



SH BOOM



THERE'S BEEN
A SERIOUS BREACH
IN SECURITY!

SHADOW-BOTS
--TOSS HIM INTO
THE ROBOTICIZER!

SIR CHARLES, PLEASE
DON'T DO THIS!

BECAUSE WE...
UH...SHOULD...ER...
FIND ELIAS
INSTEAD...

SONIC--WHY WON'T
YOU LET ME PARTAKE IN
THE BATTLE?

"...GEOFFREY AND
THE OTHERS CAN
HANDLE THE BOTS!"

YOU'RE TOO
LATE, DOLTS!

UNCLE
CHUCK!

FAR, FAR
TOO LATE!

ELIAS!

OH
NO...

KNOTHOLE...

PRINCESS SALLY,
I AM REQUESTING A
LEAVING OF ZEE
ABSENCE TO RE-
CUPERATE.

WHERE
ARE YOU GOING,
ANTOINE?

ZEE KINGDOM OF
MERCIA. ZAT IS WHERE
BUNNIE AND I WILL CON-
FRONT MY FATHER, WHO
STILL LIVES...

... BUT HAS
BECOME ROBOTNEEK'S
ROBOTICIZED
SERVANT!

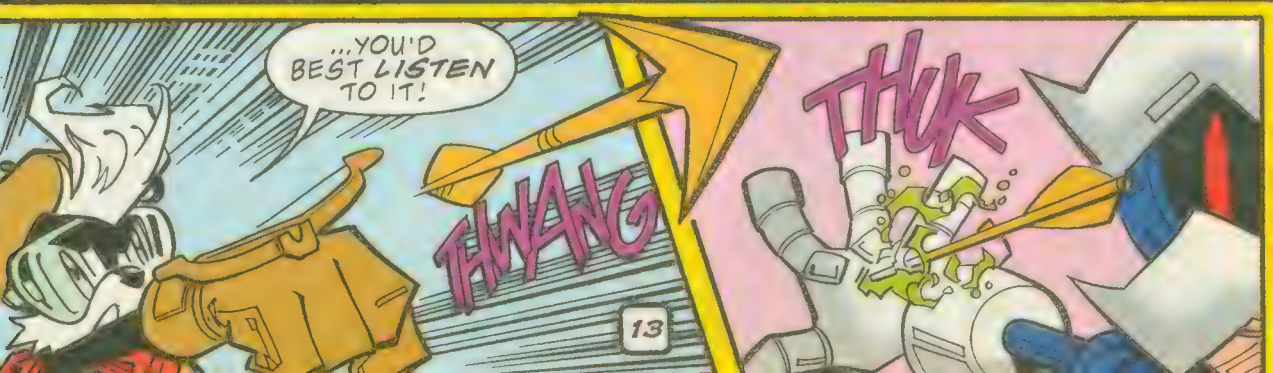
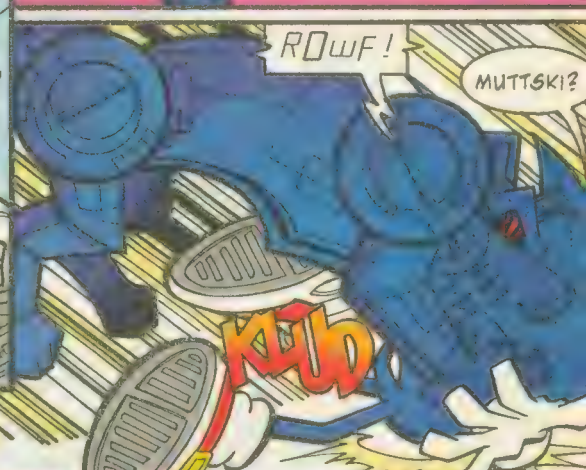
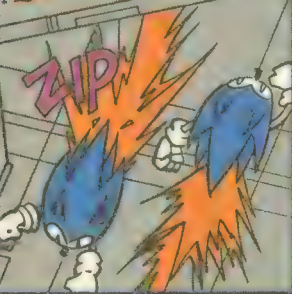
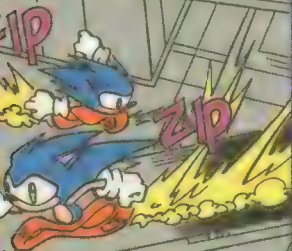
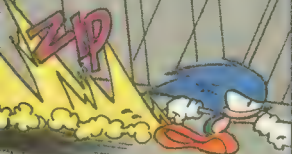
IF THAT'S TRUE,
I HAVE TO GO WITH
THEM--I WAS BORN
IN MERCIA, AND MY
COUSIN ROB O'
THE HEDGE
STILL LIVES THERE!

I'M NOT
CERTAIN
ABOUT ANY
OF THIS...

"...BUT I UNDERSTAND
WHAT IT MEANS TO ALL
OF YOU. GOOD-BYE..."

"...AND
GOOD LUCK..."

ROBOTROPOLIS...





DON'T
STAND THERE
GAWKING--

--GET THE
PRINCE!

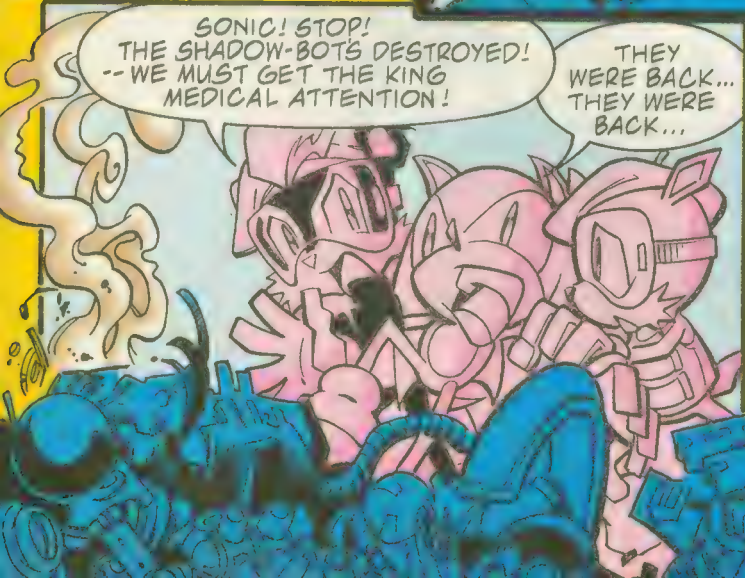
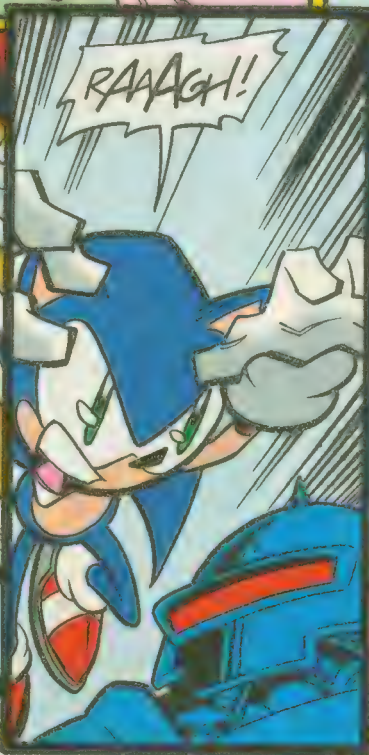
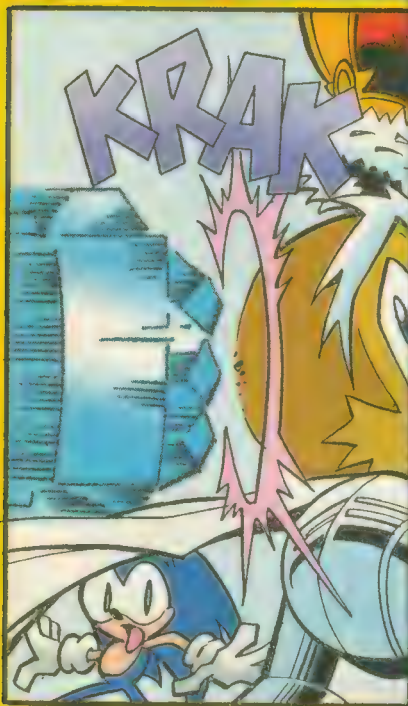
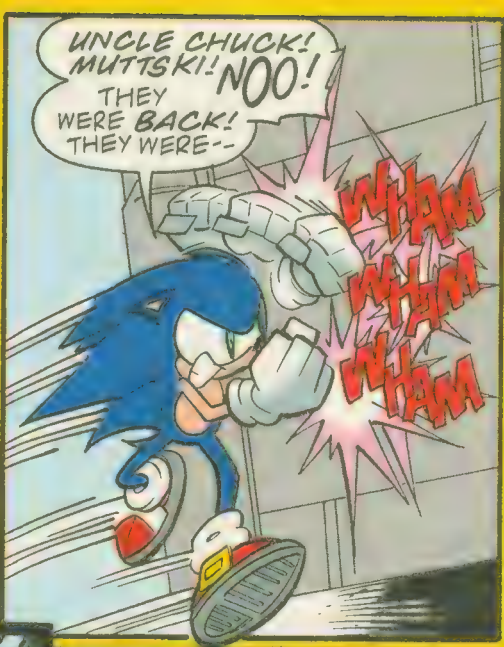
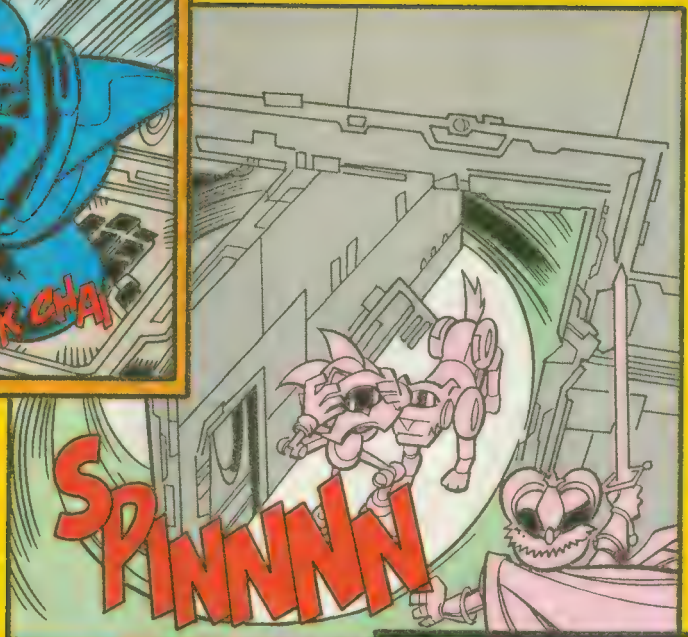
I DON'T BELIEVE IT--MY
UNCLE AND DOG HAVE TURNED
AS DANGEROUS AS ROBOTNIK
HIMSELF!

GOING
SOMEWHERE,
CHARLES?

MY NAME
IS NOT--

HUH? SIRE?
WHERE AM I? WHAT
HAPPENED?

ROWF?



KNOTHOLE...

GALLY...
PRINCESS...
SURGERY IS
COMPLETE.

WELL,
HORATIO?

IS MY
MOTHER
GOING TO
BE--

DAD!

PLEASE,
DOCTOR
QUACK...
PLEASE
HELP US...

Born to the most noble of Echidna houses, the latest to continue the family heritage and responsibility as Guardian of The Floating Island, defender of all against the forces of evil from the world beyond as well as those who would threaten from within!

ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA!

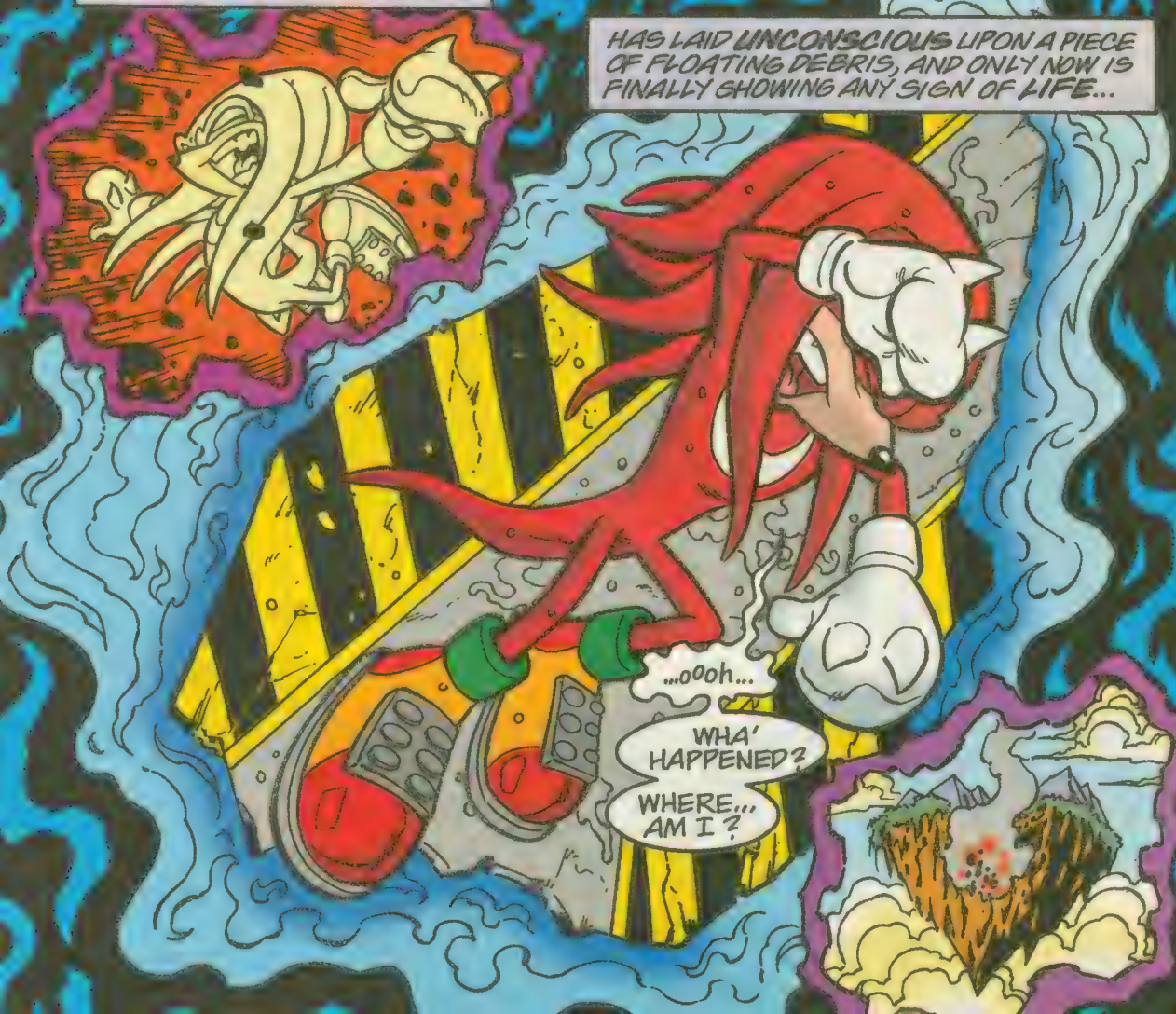
A NEW DAY DAWNS...

BUT INSTEAD OF THE HOPE AND PROMISE ONE NORMALLY ASSOCIATES WITH THE RISING OF THE SUN--

--WE FIND SHATTERED REMAINS OF YESTERDAY'S TRAGEDY!

FOR OVER THE PAST TWELVE HOURS, EVER SINCE THE DEVASTATION UNLEASHED BY THE DARK LEGION UPON THE FLOATING ISLAND,

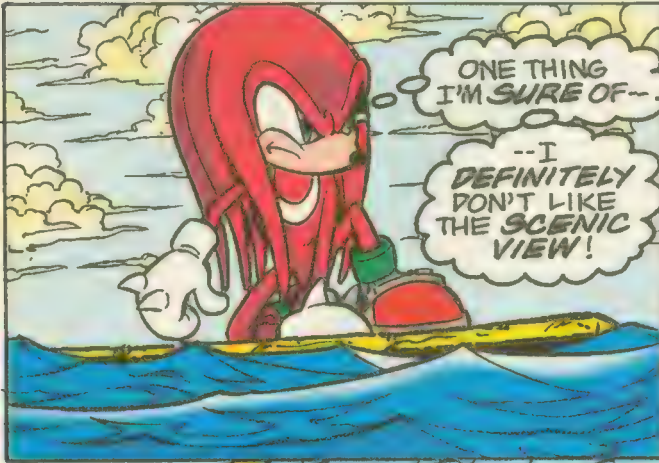
HAS LAIN UNCONSCIOUS UPON A PIECE OF FLOATING DEBRIS, AND ONLY NOW IS FINALLY SHOWING ANY SIGN OF LIFE...





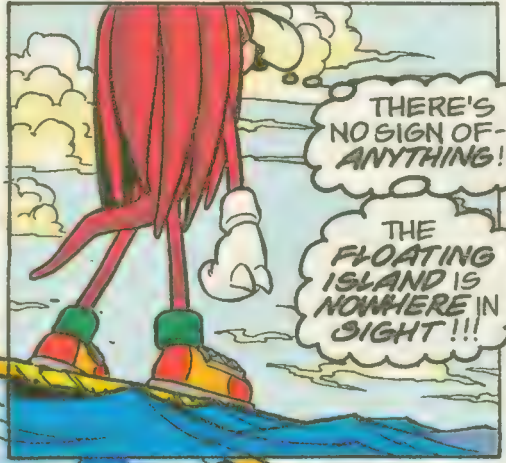
LAST THING I
REMEMBER WAS THE
EXPLOSION!

AS
FOR ANYTHING
ELSE-- I'M
CLUELESS!



ONE THING
I'M SURE OF--

--I
DEFINITELY
DON'T LIKE
THE SCENIC
VIEW!



THERE'S
NO SIGN OF--
ANYTHING!!!

THE
FLOATING
ISLAND IS
NOWHERE IN
SIGHT!!!



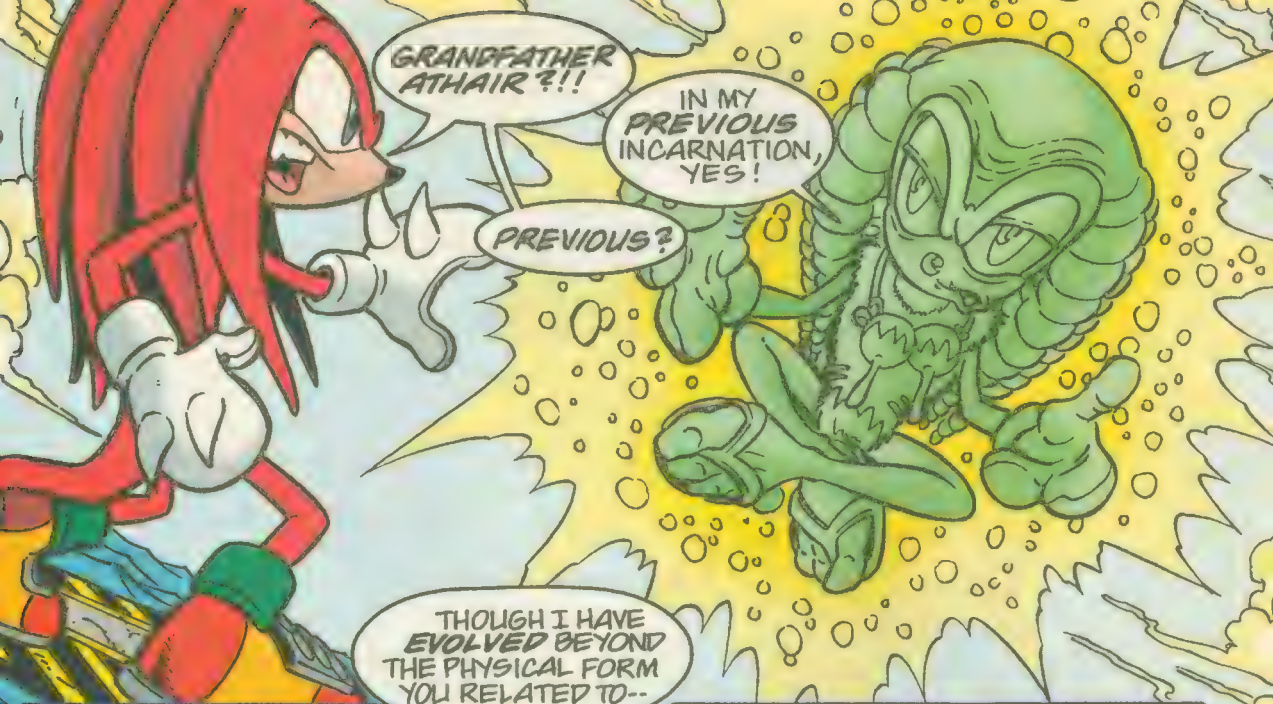
AAARGHHH!!!

WHAT DO I DO
NOW?!

PICKING
UP THE
PIECES

FEAR NOT,
YOUNG ONE!

HUN?!!



GRANDFATHER
ATHAIR?!!

IN MY
PREVIOUS
INCARNATION,
YES!

PREVIOUS?

THOUGH I HAVE
EVOLVED BEYOND
THE PHYSICAL FORM
YOU RELATED TO--

--I HAVE NOT
ABANDONED YOU
DURING YOUR HOUR
OF NEED!

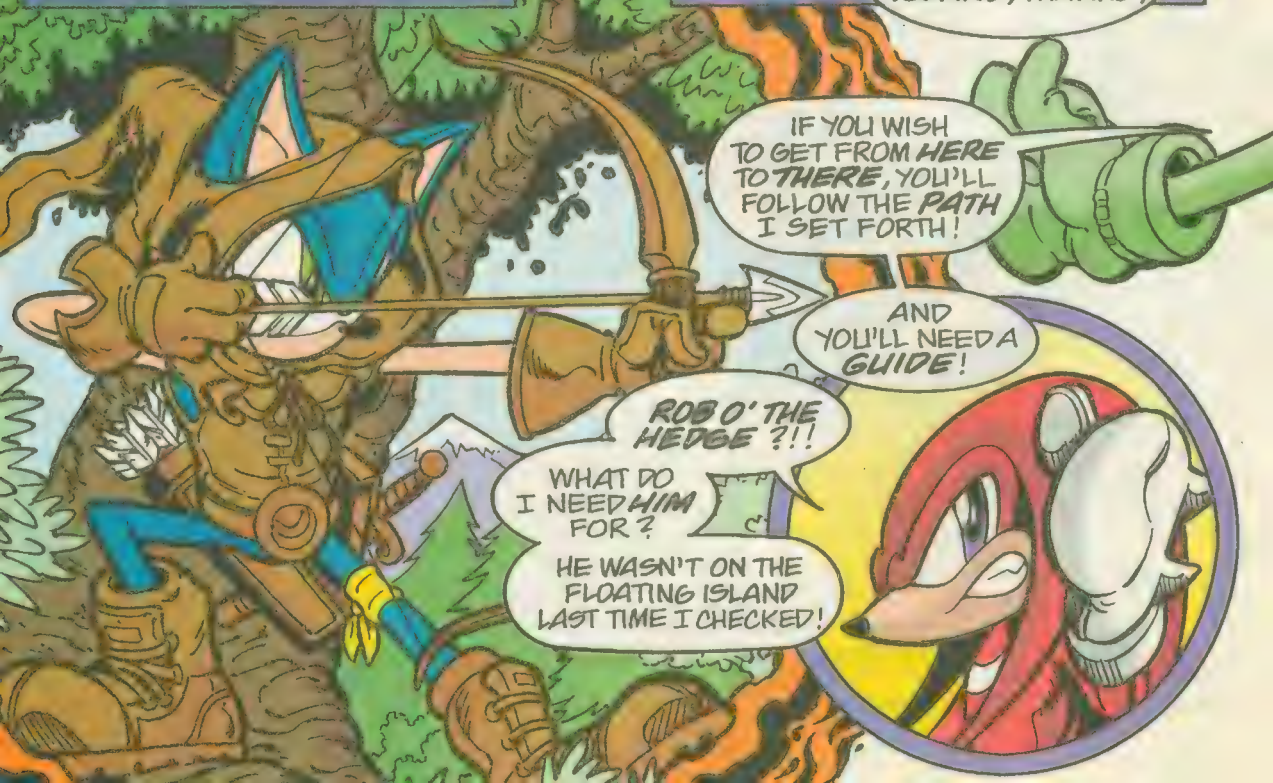
LIKE YOU
WOULD KNOW
WHAT
MY PROBLEM
IS!

MORE THAN
YOU COULD EVER
IMAGINE!

THE
ANSWERS
YOU SEEK
MAY BE
FOUND IN
ALBION!

ALBION?!!

JUST GET ME
TO THE FLOATING
ISLAND, THANKS!



IF YOU WISH
TO GET FROM HERE
TO THERE, YOU'LL
FOLLOW THE PATH
I SET FORTH!

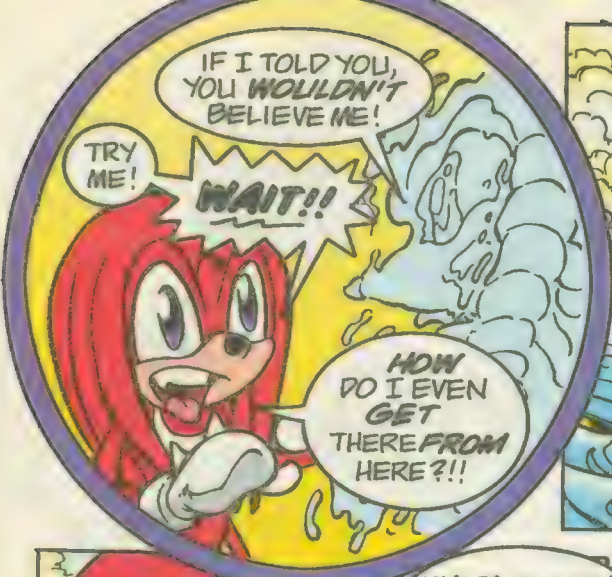
AND
YOU'LL NEED A
GUIDE!

ROBO' THE
HEDGE?!!

WHAT DO
I NEED HIM
FOR?

HE WASN'T ON THE
FLOATING ISLAND
LAST TIME I CHECKED!



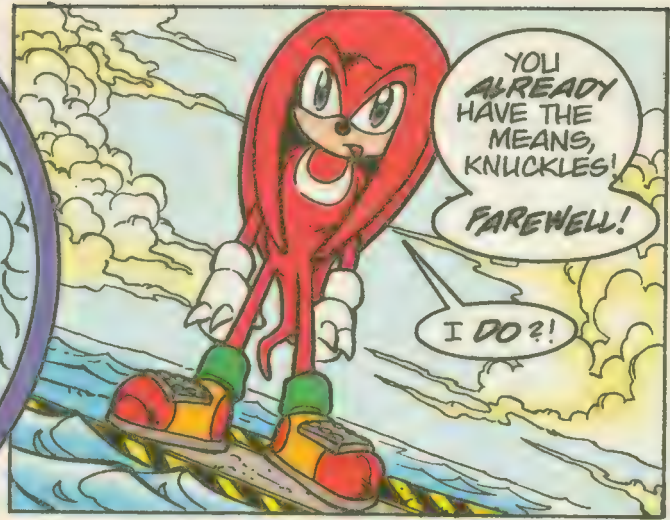


IF I TOLD YOU,
YOU WOULDN'T
BELIEVE ME!

TRY
ME!

WAIT!!

HOW
DO I EVEN
GET
THERE FROM
HERE?!!



YOU
ALREADY
HAVE THE
MEANS,
KNUCKLES!

FAREWELL!

I DO?!



WAITAMINUTE!
HE'S RIGHT!
I DO!!!!

I'D
FORGOTTEN
ALL ABOUT THE
GUIDING
STAR GEM
SINCE I LAST
USED IT!



THIS PUPPY IS JUST
THE TICKET TO GET
ME WHERE I NEED
TO GO!



STILL HAVEN'T
GOTTEN USED TO THE
WILD EFFECTS,
THOUGH.

THEN
AGAIN--



--I STILL
HAVEN'T GOTTEN
USED TO A LOT
OF THINGS...

ELSEWHERE, ON THE DISTANT ISLAND OF MERCIA, LOCATED IN THE NORTHERN SEAS OF MOBIUS, A NEW DAY DAWNS IN THE FOREST OF DEERWOOD...

AND IN A WOODEN HUT LOCATED AMONG THE TREE TOPS, WE FIND...

IS SOMEWHAT AMISS, MY LOVE?

THOU SEEM PERTURBED!

LIKELY, IT'S NAUGHT, MY FAIR LEMAN!

STILL, WARY OUTLAWS LIVE THE LONGER!

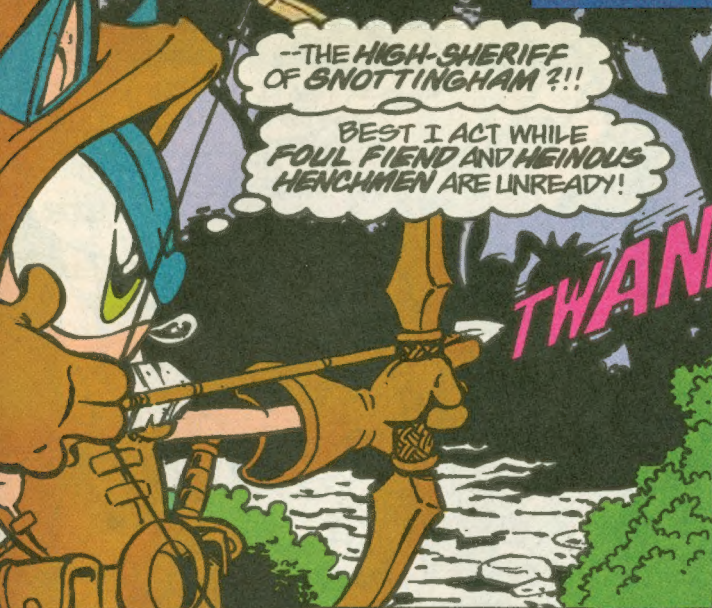
WORRY NOT--

--I'LL RETURN 'ERE IN THE DAY'S EYE SLEEPS!

NO! YONDER WALKS A CAUSE FOR UNEASE!

BUT DO MINE EYES DECEIVE?

CANST POSSIBLY BE THAT BASEST OF BLACKGUARDS--



--THE HIGH-SHERIFF
OF SNOTTINGHAM ?!!

BEST I ACT WHILE
FOUL FIEND AND HEINOUS
HENCHMEN ARE UNREADY!

TWANG!



SUGAH-
TWAN!!

THWOK!

BUSHWHACKERS!

GET DOWN,
LADEEZ!!!

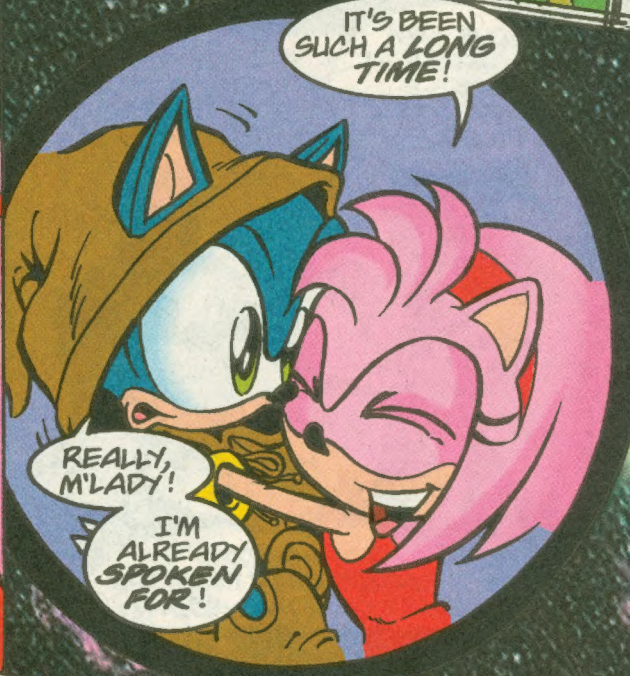


WHO--?

VARLETS?
US ?

ROB!

STAND AND DELIVER,
FOUL VARLETS!



IT'S BEEN
SUCH A LONG
TIME!

REALLY,
M'LADY!

I'M
ALREADY
SPOKEN
FOR!

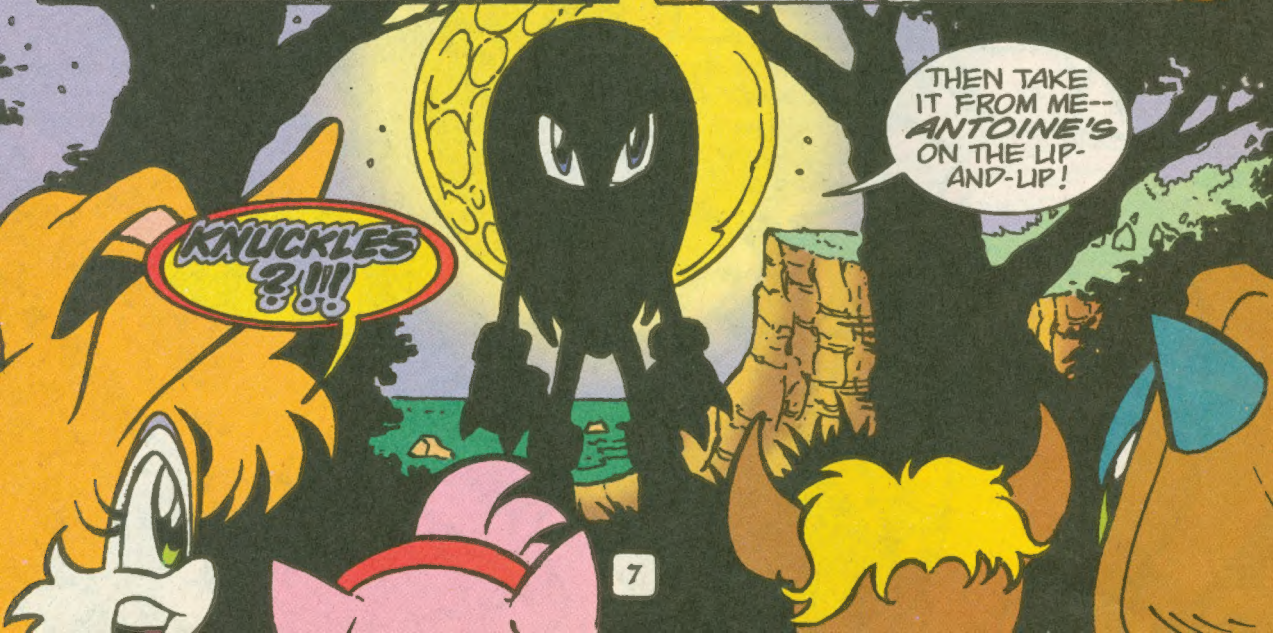
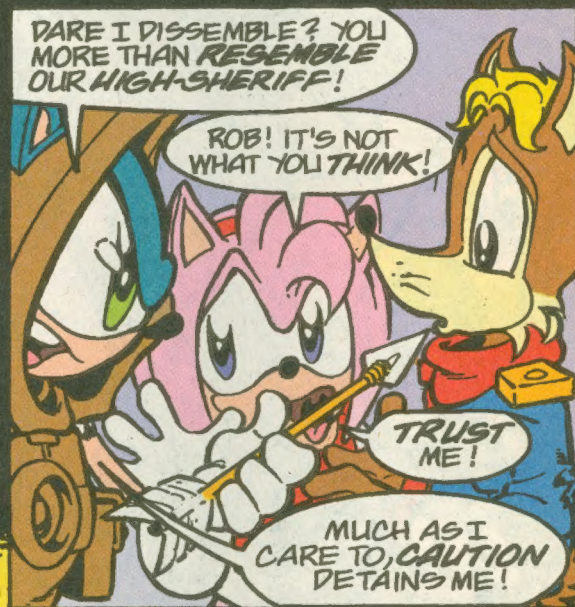


ROB--IT'S ME--
AMY ROSE!!!

YOUR
COUSIN ?
HEL-LO!!

WHAT
WITCHERY IS
THIS ?!

MY FAIR
COUSIN IS
BUT A MERE
LASS!

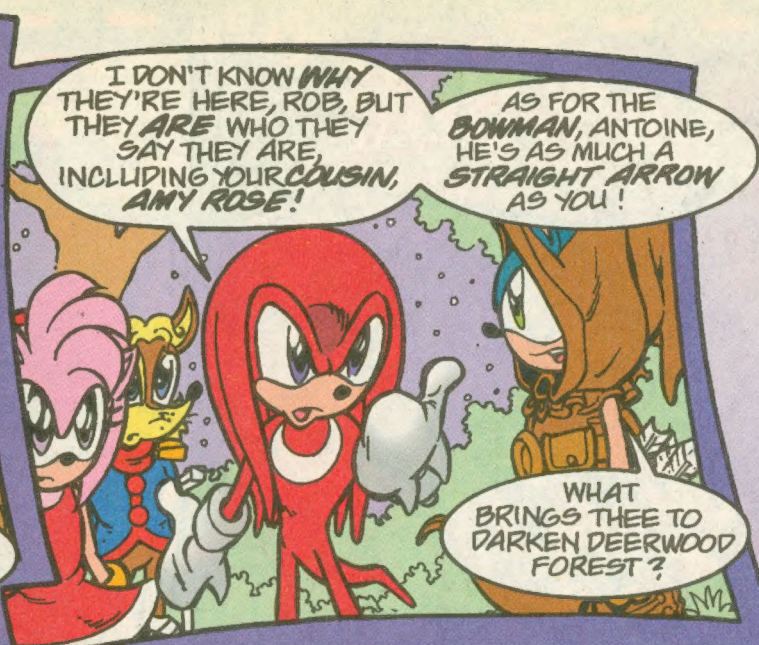




FRIEND KNUCKLES!
KNOWEST THOU
THIS **DASTARDLY**
INTRUDER?

YEAH-AND
HE'S DEFINITELY
ONE OF THE **GOOD**
GUYS!

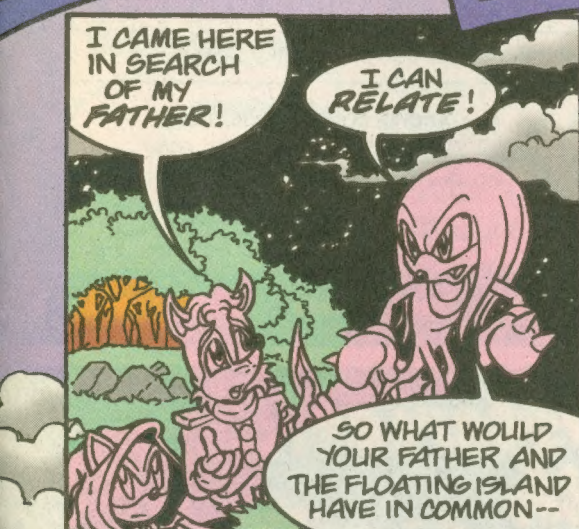
SHOAH GLAD YOAH
HEAH TO SET THIS **SONIC-**
WANNABE STRAIGHT!



I DON'T KNOW *WHY*
THEY'RE HERE, ROB, BUT
THEY *ARE* WHO THEY
SAY THEY ARE,
INCLUDING YOUR *COUSIN*,
AMY ROSE!

AS FOR THE
BOWMAN, ANTOINE,
HE'S AS MUCH A
STRAIGHT ARROW
AS YOU!

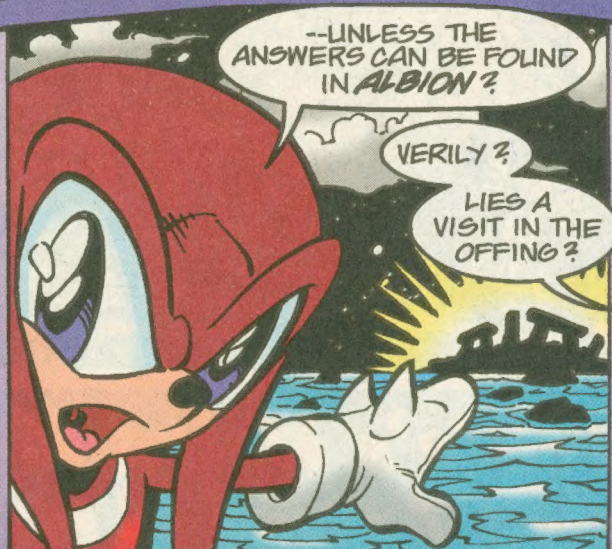
WHAT
BRINGS THEE TO
DARKEN DEERWOOD
FOREST?



I CAME HERE
IN SEARCH
OF MY
FATHER!

I CAN
RELATE!

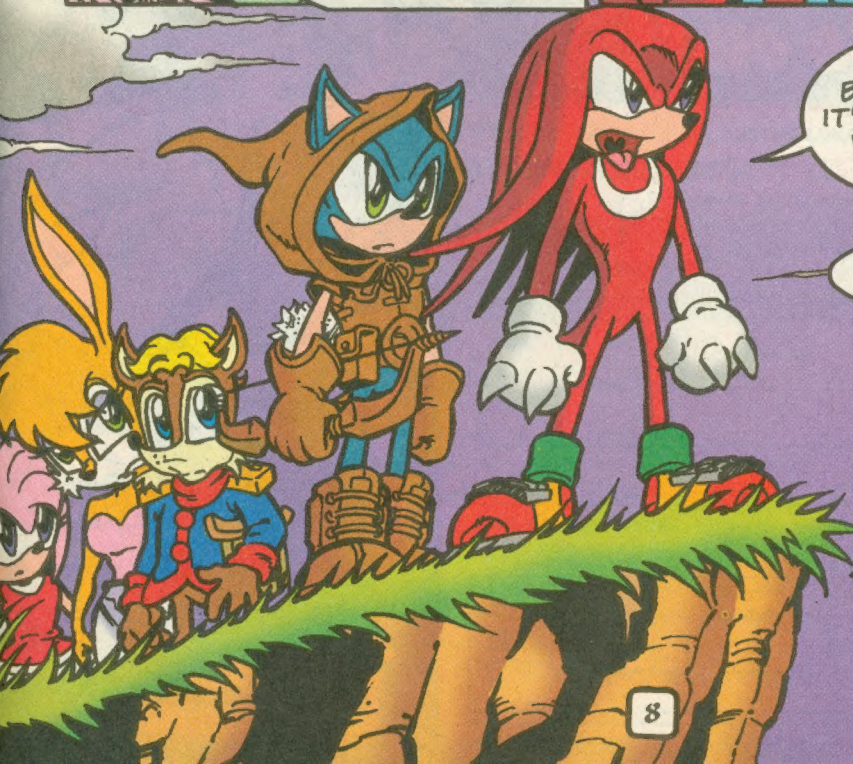
SO WHAT WOULD
YOUR FATHER AND
THE FLOATING ISLAND
HAVE IN COMMON--



--UNLESS THE
ANSWERS CAN BE FOUND
IN **ALBION?**

VERILY?

LIES A
VISIT IN THE
OFFING?



I DON'T KNOW WHY,
BUT I CAN'T BELIEVE
IT'S ONLY A COINCIDENCE
WE FIVE HAVE **COME**
TOGETHER HERE!

SO, WHO'S
WITH ME--

NEXT:
--ON THE ROAD
TO **ALBION!**